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"That's my point Timeson you can view America's problems as our own and say screw the rest of the world, we can manage just fine on our own. Or we can look into every corner of the world and maybe, maybe learn some lessons. Lessons that will benefit our children"

The Philanthropist



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- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
- Huffington Post
- IRIN
- ProPublica
- Homeland Security Today
- Washington Post
- NY Times
- Washington Times
- Yahoo News
- Big Medicine
- Emergency Management Daily
- PreventionWeb

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Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

Statement by USDA Chief Veterinary Officer John Clifford Regarding a Detection of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2012/04/0132.xml&contentidonly=true>

Government Still Faces Challenges in Developing CBRN Medical Countermeasures

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/government-still-faces-challenges-in-developing-cbrn-medical-countermeasures/937f912e4cf0a5dc0f841e2566430058.html>

States' Capability to Respond to Disasters Increases despite Shrinking Budgets

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/States-Capability-to-Respond-to-Disasters-Increases-Despite-Shrinking-Budgets.html>

Sens. Durbin, Kirk want new disaster aid formula

<http://thesouthern.com/news/local/ebd7718c-8aa3-11e1-9e0a-001a4bcf887a.html>

Recovery Process Is a Disaster (Opinion)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Recovery-Process-Disaster-Opinion.html>

Tornado victims flock to Facebook for helping hand

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46622246/ns/technology_and_science-tech_and_gadgets/t/tornado-victims-flock-facebook-helping-hand/?fb_ref=.T5cY_38SFk4.like&fb_source=home_online

Richard Raymond Echavarria, Obituary: Long time FEMA Region IX Employee Passed Away

http://www.parentsorensen.com/obit-display.jhtml?DB=update/obits/dbase&DO=display&ID=1335220146_27421

Misconduct in Colombia varied, inquiry finds

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47167376/ns/world_news-the_new_york_times/

Darpa to Troubled Soldiers: Meet Your New Simulated Therapist

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/04/darpa-virtual-therapy/>

Hundreds of Thousands May Lose Internet in July

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/hundreds-thousands-lose-internet-july-16182036>

New hacktivist sect emerges from Anonymous

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21428615.200-new-hacktivist-sect-emerges-from-anonymous.html>

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Al-Qaeda Seeks Cyber-Attack Skills, U.S. Official Says

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-04-25/al-qaeda-seeks-cyber-attack-skills-u-dot-s-dot-official-says>

Former Terrorists and Neo-Nazis Get Their Own Social Network

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/04/wiredcouk-nazi-social-net/>

Exclusive: Senior U.S. General Orders Top-to-Bottom Review of Military's Islam Training

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/04/military-islam-training/>

New Georgia Law Targets Antigovernment Sovereign Citizens

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/04/18/new-georgia-law-targets-antigovernment-sovereign-citizens/>

Pentagon establishes Defense Clandestine Service, new espionage unit

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/pentagon-creates-new-espionage-unit/2012/04/23/gIQA9R7DcT_story.html?hpid=z3

In U.S.-Russia deal, nuclear communication system may be used for cybersecurity

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/in-us-russia-deal-nuclear-communication-system-may-be-used-for-cybersecurity/2012/04/26/gIQAT521iT_story.html

Coast Guard shootings in Alaska: FBI turns to public for help

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-coast-guard-shootings-20120423,0,6075316.story>

Group Claims End to Bomb Threat Campaign (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2012/04/24/Group-Claims-End-to-Bomb-Threat-Campaign.aspx>

Emergency rooms designed for the older set

<http://dailynightly.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/04/22/11313904-emergency-rooms-designed-for-the-older-set?lite>

Fracking-Linked Earthquakes Spurring State Regulations

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-04-20/fracking-linked-earthquakes-spurring-state-regulations>

La Niña fading, likely gone by end of April

<http://www.climatewatch.noaa.gov/image/2012/la-nina-fading-likely-gone-by-end-of-april>

U.S. gives green light to publish controversial bird flu research

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2012-04-green-publish-controversial-bird-flu.html>

Satellite System Set to Speed up Tsunami Warnings

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=satellite-system-set-speed-up-tsunami-warnings>

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The Fraudulent Business of Earthquake and Eruption Prediction

<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2012/04/the-fraudulent-business-of-earthquake-and-eruption-prediction>

Major volcano eruptions may stymie hurricanes

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47180843/ns/technology_and_science-science/

Feds make first arrest in BP oil spill; ex-engineer accused of deleting hundreds of messages

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/energy-environment/justice-dept-makes-1st-arrest-in-bp-oil-spill-ex-engineer-accused-of-obstruction-of-justice/2012/04/24/gIQAOUkieT_story.html

Delta Airliner Quarantined at Chicago Airport (Illinois)

<http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-delta-jet-quarantined,0,2361996.story>

Dark tourism bears witness to tragedy

http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/24/travel/memorial-tourism/index.html?hpt=us_mid

Response plan to help Syrian refugees only 20 per cent funded – UN agency

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41824&Cr=syria&Cr1>

UN official stresses importance of international support for anti-LRA efforts

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41829&Cr=LRA&Cr1>

Norway bomb blast diverted police, court hears

<http://news.yahoo.com/norway-bomb-blast-diverted-police-court-hears-152726034.html>

The Arab Spring puts a strain on Jordan's ecology

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21428615.900-the-arab-spring-puts-a-strain-on-jordans-ecology.html>

Disaster cleanup cuts fought (Canada)

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/Disaster+cleanup+cuts+fought/6497305/story.html>

Israeli military chief: Iran will not build nuclear bomb

http://www.washingtonpost.com/israeli-military-chief-iran-will-not-build-nuclear-bomb/2012/04/25/gIQAQihahT_story.html

Sean Penn says he's in Haiti for the long haul

<http://news.yahoo.com/sean-penn-says-hes-haiti-long-haul-135945841.html>

Nigeria Leads the Continent in Disaster Management - UN

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201204200112.html>

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Obama to target foreign nationals' use of new technologies in human rights abuses
http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/obama-to-target-foreign-nationals-use-of-new-technologies-in-human-rights-abuses/2012/04/22/gIQA4ngxaT_story.html?tid=sm_facebook_washingtonpost

N. Korean army vows to turn Seoul to ashes
<http://news.yahoo.com/n-korean-army-vows-special-operation-against-south-045354844.html>

Is war between the Sudans inevitable?
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-17783636>

Fukushima: Probability theory is unsafe (Japan)
<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/text/eo20120418a4.html>

Princess Cruises to Investigate Why Captain Ignored Distress Call
<http://gma.yahoo.com/princess-cruises-investigate-why-captain-ignored-distress-call-233100964--abc-news-topstories.html>

Montreal riot police fire tear gas at student protest (Canada)
<http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/Canada/20120307/montreal-tear-gas-riot-police-students-120307/>

Ukraine marks 26th anniversary of Chernobyl
<http://news.yahoo.com/ukraine-marks-26th-anniversary-chernobyl-101713705.html>

Horn of Africa: 'Manage the risks, not just the crisis,' stresses OCHA
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=26287&a=email>

Anatomy of China's Money and Murder Scandal
<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/around-the-world-abc-news/anatomy-china-money-murder-scandal-235341048.html>

Hague court convicts Taylor of crimes in Sierra Leone
<http://news.yahoo.com/hague-court-convicts-taylor-crimes-sierra-leone-110523326.html>

Dutch government collapses after far right pulls plug
http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/23/world/europe/netherlands-politics/index.html?hpt=hp_bn2

Netanyahu says backs "contiguous" Palestinian state
<http://news.yahoo.com/israel-legalizes-three-west-bank-outposts-180721416.html>

Mexico Approves Landmark Climate Law
http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=mexico-approves-landmark-climate-law&WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

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The Next Big Thing in Green Energy: Floating Wind Turbines

<http://news.yahoo.com/next-big-thing-green-energy-floating-wind-turbines-170354544.html>

Gender Mainstreaming in Recovery Phase-Post Earthquake Pakistan

<http://undp.org.pk/images/publications/Gender%20Mainstreaming%20in%20Recovery%20Phase-Post%20Earthquake%20Pakistan%20.pdf>

People and the planet report

<http://royalsociety.org/policy/projects/people-planet/report/>

North American Plan for Animal and Pandemic Influenza

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/international/Documents/napapi.pdf>

Introducing Crisis Mapping: An interdisciplinary new field Power Point

http://jenziemke.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/crisis-mapping_general_overview1.pdf

Flat Stanley Severe Weather Preparedness- Video

http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/8201

Episode 7, Disaster and Preparedness: Put Disaster Down for the Count- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhLM-oQYQUo&feature=youtu.be>

Disaster Preparation for Families with Food Allergies

http://www.kidswithfoodallergies.org/resources/pre.php?id=171&title=food_allergy_disaster_emergency_plan_preparedness

Crisis Communication: Three factors that influence trust

<http://lucien canton.typepad.com/files/trust-apr-2012.pdf>

Social Media 4 Emergency Management, Lessons from Virtual Teams

<http://www.sm4em.org/2012/04/lessons-from-virtual-teams/>

City of Los Angeles Fire Department ALERT System Website (California)

<http://lafdalert.blogspot.com/p/about-lafd-alert-system.html>

Get Tech Ready

<http://www.ready.gov/get-tech-ready>

Subcommittee Chairman McCaul Opening Statement at Hearing on Cybersecurity Threats to the U.S. - Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLIk2Bp8WqY&feature=youtu.be>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Levee Database

<http://nld.usace.army.mil/egis/f?p=471%3A1%3A264833618523264>

Emergency Readiness Wheels

<http://www.emergencywheels.com/>

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National Weather Service, Soliciting Public Comments through May 18 on Proposed Design Refresh of Weather.gov
http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/pns12weathergov_design.htm

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U.S. News Reports

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<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2012/04/0132.xml&contentidonly=true>

Mad cow disease found in California dairy cow
<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/04/mad-cow-disease-california-central-valley.html>

S. Korea curbs U.S. beef sales after confirmation of mad cow disease
http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/25/health/california-mad-cow/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Indonesia suspends U.S. beef imports over mad cow disease
<http://news.yahoo.com/indonesia-suspends-u-beef-imports-over-mad-cow-030703836--finance.html>

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Government and Industry Get So-So Grades on Oil Spill Prevention Efforts

http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=government-and-industry-get-so-so-grades-on-oil-spill-prevention-efforts&WT.mc_id=SA_Facebook

Iowa Hams Support Local Officials Before, After Tornado

<http://www.arrrl.org/news/iowa-hams-support-local-officials-before-after-tornado>

Texas governor renews drought disaster declaration

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/04/20/3900574/texas-governor-renews-drought.html>

Government Still Faces Challenges in Developing CBRN Medical Countermeasures

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/government-still-faces-challenges-in-developing-cbrn-medical-countermeasures/937f912e4cf0a5dc0f841e2566430058.html>

Sign of the Apocalypse visible May 19 at museum (Arizona)

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/mesa/articles/2012/04/17/20120417sign-apocalypse-museum.html>

States' Capability to Respond to Disasters Increases despite Shrinking Budgets

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/States-Capability-to-Respond-to-Disasters-Increases-Despite-Shrinking-Budgets.html>

Tulsa Emergency Management Says Don't Rely On Storm Sirens (Oklahoma)

<http://www.newson6.com/story/17465725/tulsa-emergency-management-say-dont-rely-on-storm-sirens>

Portland holds earthquake walking tour (Oregon)

<http://www.kptv.com/story/17585960/city-hosts-earthquake-walking-tour>

Ala. first lady releases weather preparedness PSA

http://www.wdef.com/news/state/story/Ala-first-lady-releases-weather-preparedness-PSA/FSzp-clhjUmPTrvtnHGr_w.csp?rss=3472

Agencies plan, coordinate for large-scale disaster (Georgia)

<http://www.newscentralga.com/news/local/Agencies-plan-coordinate-for-large-disaster-147850605.html>

Sens. Durbin, Kirk want new disaster aid formula

<http://thesouthern.com/news/local/ebd7718c-8aa3-11e1-9e0a-001a4bcf887a.html>

OPM offers online telework course

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/post/opm-offers-online-telework-course/2012/04/20/gIQAoH6NWT_blog.html?hpid=z10

Recovery Process Is a Disaster (Opinion)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Recovery-Process-Disaster-Opinion.html>

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The Crisis Management Playbook

http://www.continuityinsights.com/articles/2012/04/crisis-management-playbook?et_cid=2610969&et_rid=259226021&linkid=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.continuityinsights.com%2Farticles%2F2012%2F04%2Fcrisis-managemement-playbook

City officials delay decision on emergency management coordinator responsibilities (Delaware)

<http://www.doverpost.com/news/x787566937/City-officials-delay-decision-on-emergency-management-coordinator-responsibilities>

Tornado victims flock to Facebook for helping hand

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46622246/ns/technology_and_science-tech_and_gadgets/t/tornado-victims-flock-facebook-helping-hand/?fb_ref=.T5cY_38SFK4.like&fb_source=home_online

Richard Raymond Echavarria, Obituary: Long time FEMA Region IX Employee Passed Away

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

The Secret Service, Decoded

<http://news.discovery.com/history/secret-service-120419.html>

Secret Service scandal: Rising supervisor set uncovering of misconduct in motion

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/secret-service-scandal-rising-supervisor-at-heart-of-uncovering-misconduct/2012/04/21/gIQApy37XT_story.html

Misconduct in Colombia varied, inquiry finds

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47167376/ns/world_news-the_new_york_times/

Darpa to Troubled Soldiers: Meet Your New Simulated Therapist

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/04/darpa-virtual-therapy/>

Hundreds of Thousands May Lose Internet in July

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New hacktivist sect emerges from Anonymous

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21428615.200-new-hacktivist-sect-emerges-from-anonymous.html>

Panetta doubtful over Iranian drone claim

http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/22/world/meast/iran-us-plane/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

THE HUMAN ELEMENT

<http://www.popsoci.com/technology/article/2012-04/human-element>

'The Bomber Will Always Get Through' - 80 Years Later, A Prophecy

http://www.domesticpreparedness.com/Commentary/Viewpoint/%60The_Bomber_Will_Always_Get_Through%60_-_80_Years_Later,_A_Prophecy/

TSA Screeners Arrested for Drug Trafficking at LAX (California)

<http://www.ktla.com/videogallery/69596018/News/VIDEO-TSA-Screeners-Arrested-for-Drug-Trafficking-at-LAX-Leila-Feinstein-rep>

Al-Qaeda Seeks Cyber-Attack Skills, U.S. Official Says

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-04-25/al-qaeda-seeks-cyber-attack-skills-u-dot-s-dot-official-says>

White House threatens veto of CISA cybersecurity bill

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/47180218/ns/technology_and_science-security/

Leathernext: Marines Want Better Networks, Sensors — And Terminator Vision

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/04/leathernext/>

White captures award for nuclear forensics work

https://www.llnl.gov/news/aroundthelab/2012/Apr/ATL-042512_white.html

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Former Terrorists and Neo-Nazis Get Their Own Social Network

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/04/wiredcouk-nazi-social-net/>

Exclusive: Senior U.S. General Orders Top-to-Bottom Review of Military's Islam Training

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/04/military-islam-training/>

Iran readying hacker attacks on U.S. infrastructure, specialists say

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/apr/25/iran-readying-hacker-attacks-us-infrastructure-spe/>

Coast Guard not ready for national-security mission, insiders say

<http://www.govexec.com/defense/2012/04/coast-guard-not-ready-national-security-mission-insiders-say/55358/>

Missouri Lawmaker Proposes Amendment to Reject U.S. Laws

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/04/18/missouri-lawmaker-proposes-amendment-to-reject-u-s-laws/>

New Georgia Law Targets Antigovernment Sovereign Citizens

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2012/04/18/new-georgia-law-targets-antigovernment-sovereign-citizens/>

Pentagon establishes Defense Clandestine Service, new espionage unit

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/pentagon-creates-new-espionage-unit/2012/04/23/gIQA9R7DcT_story.html?hpid=z3

Ex-spy: Destroying CIA tapes purged 'ugly visuals'

<http://news.yahoo.com/ex-spy-destroying-cia-tapes-purged-ugly-visuals-212042971.html>

Border Patrol: Alleged Mexican hit man lived for decade in Ohio

http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/24/justice/ohio-cartel-suspect/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Justices to hear Arizona's appeal over controversial immigration law

http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/25/justice/scotus-arizona-law/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

Watchdog: Pentagon Buys Weapons Backwards

<http://news.yahoo.com/watchdog-pentagon-buys-weapons-backwards-165258881--abc-news-topstories.html>

In U.S.-Russia deal, nuclear communication system may be used for cybersecurity

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/in-us-russia-deal-nuclear-communication-system-may-be-used-for-cybersecurity/2012/04/26/gIQAT521iT_story.html

Coast Guard shootings in Alaska: FBI turns to public for help

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-coast-guard-shootings-20120423,0,6075316.story>

North America's mountain fortress hosts film crew

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